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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of allocating bandwidths in a wireless

LAN comprising a plurality of access points each using the same wireless technology for data

communication with users and a control unit, the method comprising the steps of:

a) continuously monitoring bandwidth usage by each of the access points via the

control unit; and

b) re-allocating bandwidth capacity from a low bandwidth usage access point to a

high bandwidth usage access point.

(Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the access points each use

the 802.11 wireless technology.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the 802.11 wireless

technology uses DSSS.

4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein step b) is such as to re-

allocate a first sub-bandwidth of DSSS associated with the low bandwidth usage access point to

complement a second sub-bandwidth of DSSS associated with the high bandwidth usage access

point, and the method further comprises the step of expanding the coverage of a third access

point using the third sub-bandwidth of DSSS for data communication with the users of the access $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

point previously operating under the first sub-bandwidth of DSSS.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the 802.11 wireless

technology operates under FHSS.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein step b) is such as to re-

allocate at least one FHSS bandwidth channel from the low bandwidth usage access point to the

high bandwidth usage access point.

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7. (Currently Amended) A wireless LAN comprising a plurality of access points each using the same wireless technology for data communication with users, and a control unit operable to continuously monitor bandwidth usage by each of the access points, and further operable to reallocate bandwidth capacity from a low bandwidth usage access point to a high

bandwidth usage access point.

8. (Original) A LAN as claimed in claim 7, wherein the access points each use

the 802.11 wireless technology.

9. (Original) A LAN as claimed in claim 8, wherein the 802.11 wireless

technology uses DSSS.

10. (Previously Presented) A LAN as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control unit is configured to re-allocate a first sub-bandwidth of DSSS associated with the low bandwidth usage access point to complement a second sub-bandwidth of DSSS associated with

the high bandwidth usage access point, and said control unit is further configured to expand the coverage of a third access point using the third sub-bandwidth of DSSS for data communication

with the users of the access point previously operating under the first sub-bandwidth of DSSS.

11. (Original) A LAN as claimed in claim 8, wherein the 802.11 wireless

technology operates under FHSS.

12. (Previously Presented) A LAN as claimed in claim 11, wherein the control

unit is such as to re-allocate at least one FHSS bandwidth channel from the low bandwidth usage

access point to the high bandwidth usage access point.

(Currently Amended) A method of allocating bandwidths in a wireless
 LAN comprising a plurality of access points each using the 802.11, DSSS wireless technology

for data communication with users and a control unit, the method comprising the steps of:

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 a) continuously monitoring bandwidth usage by each of the access points via the control unit; and

- re-allocating bandwidth <u>capacity</u> from a low bandwidth usage access point to a high bandwidth usage access point; wherein
- step b) is such as to re-allocate a first sub-bandwidth of DSSS associated with the low bandwidth usage access point to complement a second sub-bandwidth of DSSS associated with the high bandwidth usage access point, and the method further comprises the step of expanding the coverage of a third access point using the third sub-bandwidth of DSSS for data communication with the users of the access point previously operating under the first sub-bandwidth of DSSS.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A method of allocating bandwidths in a wireless LAN having a plurality of access points each using the 802.11, FSSS wireless technology for data communication with users and a control unit, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) continuously monitoring bandwidth usage by each of the access points via the control unit: and
- re-allocating bandwidth <u>capacity</u> from a low bandwidth usage access point to a high bandwidth usage access point; wherein
- step b) is such as to re-allocate at least one FHSS bandwidth channel from the low bandwidth usage access point to the high bandwidth usage access point.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A wireless LAN comprising a plurality of access points each using 802.11, DSSS wireless technology for data communication with users, wherein the LAN comprises a control unit operable to continuously monitor bandwidth usage by each of the access points, and to reallocate bandwidth capacity from a low bandwidth usage access point to a high bandwidth usage access point; and wherein the control unit is further operable to reallocate a first sub-bandwidth of DSSS associated with the low bandwidth usage access point to complement a second sub-bandwidth of DSSS associated with the high bandwidth usage access point, and wherein said control unit is further operable to expand the coverage of a third access point using the third sub-bandwidth of DSSS for data communication with the users of the access point previously operating under the first sub-bandwidth of DSSS.

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16. (Currently Amended) A wireless LAN constituted by a plurality of access points each using 802.11, FSSS wireless technology for data communication with users, wherein the LAN comprises a control unit operable to continuously monitor bandwidth usage by each of the access points, and for re-allocating bandwidth capacity from a low bandwidth usage access point to a high bandwidth usage access point; and wherein the control unit is further operable to reallocate at least one FHSS bandwidth channel from the low bandwidth usage access point to the high bandwidth usage access point.